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Comment. The information contained herein is purported to be a Directive of the General Staffs Headquarters of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, dated 4 October 1951. It contained a set of panel patterns illustrating air-ground liaison signals, including those being used in Korea. It was purported to be signed by NIEH Jung-chen, Acting Chief of General Staffs.

Illustrations of the Air-Ground Liaison Signal Panel Patterns:

## I. For Ground Forces:

- The panel is 12 feet long, 4 feet wide, and is made of cloth or thin silk, in two colors--white and red.<sup>1</sup>
- For easy identification, all numerical characters, except 0 (Zero) are to be illustrated by Roman characters, as follows:

II	for TWO (2);	V	for FIVE (5);
VIII	for EIGHT (8), and	X	for TEN (10).

- + and  signify even and odd days, respectively.

These panels must be placed some ten feet in front of the other panel signals.

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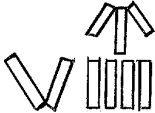
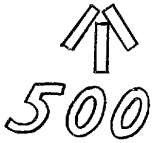
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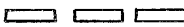
4. The following are all signals:



signifies troops being surrounded or trapped and therefore reinforcements are called for.

signifies the direction that the troops march towards.<sup>2</sup>

signifies the bombing target, the direction and the distance from the signal.



signifies the location of the troops. If numerical characters are also set under it, it signifies the unit designations of the troops.

signifies that the 51 Army is here.<sup>3</sup>

signifies that the 120 Division is here.



signifies request for supply of arms and ammunition.



signifies request for supply of cannon shells.



signifies request for supply of engineering tools.

signifies request for supply of medical supplies and equipment.<sup>4</sup>

signifies request for a supply of foodstuffs.

5. When setting the panel signals, the ground for setting should be even and plain without trees or other obstacles that may cover the signals from being sighted from the air. When a bulky body of troops is marching, the panel signal illustrating direction of marching should be set at the fore part, middle and rear of the marching line and also should move on together with the marching troops.

6. The distance between each panel signal should be at least ten feet.

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7. Organization of troop units specifying in the panel affairs is as follows:
- A. A Liaison Platoon should be formed in a regiment with a 2nd or 1st Lt. as its leader. This platoon is under the direct command of the regimental commander and under the supervision of the Air-Ground Liaison Section in the divisional headquarters. It is composed of four squads; one with the regimental headquarters and the remainder each in a battalion.
  - B. A Liaison Squad with a 2nd Lt. or a Warrant Officer in charge should be formed in a battalion. It is under the command of the battalion commander and the supervision of the Regimental Liaison Platoon. It is composed of five teams with one team with the battalion headquarters and the others with each infantry company and machine-gunning company.
  - C. A Liaison Team with a Sergeant in charge should be formed in a company. It is under the command of the company commander and the supervision of the Battalion Liaison Squad. It is composed of eight men handling the setting of the signals.

## II. For the Air Force:

- 1. Besides painting special marks on the airplane for identification, the following signals are to be made by the airplanes to the ground forces:
  - a. The airplane makes a left turn circle at first and then observes the ground by dipping its left wing signifying that it is looking for the ground forces.
  - b. The airplane makes a right turn circle before dipping its right wing signifying it has obtained what it wants.
  - c. Jetting white smoke from the airplane's tail, or firing three shots from its gun, signifies the notification for radio contact or air drop.
  - d. Making quick zooms or dives notifies that enemy ground troops are located. The flight direction of the plane then shows the direction of the enemy troops.
  - e. Rolling the airplane shows that the radio contact or air drop is over.

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25X1 2. [ ] Comment. [ ] reported that the arrow signifies the location of the enemy or the direction in which the enemy is marching.

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